

**JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**Monday, October 19, 2020 | 12:00 P.M.**  
**Council Chambers**

**MINUTES**

**Councilor(s) Present:** O'Quinn, Wood

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Councilor O'Quinn called the meeting to order.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES (JULY 20, 2020)**

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Woods:** Moved to Approve.

**Councilor O'Quinn:** Seconded.

**III. PRESENTATION: DR. CLARISSA REESE, BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOLS COUNSELING COORDINATOR AND DR. SPENCER HORN, BCS CHIEF OF STAFF**

Dr. Reese informed the Committee about the Birmingham City Schools College Application Week, October 19 – 23, 2020. There will be activities revolving around college application week that will involve all grades.

It is important that parents/guardians, students understand the importance of completing the FAFSA (financial aid application) to ensure students take full advantage of the monies available to them.

Councilor O'Quinn asked if there were partners to help students complete the application.

- Jefferson State, Lawson State Community College, Department of Youth Services (DYS); Birmingham Education Foundation and Alabama Possible have partnered with the Birmingham City Schools to assist students with completing applications.

Councilor O'Quinn questioned the possibility of students returning face-to-face instruction.

- Dr. Horn stated that a survey has been distributed to parents, students, faculty and staff seeking their sentiments about returning to school.
- Dr. Horn informed the Committee that the Birmingham City Schools had three (3) COVID-19 testing sites located at Huffman and Wenonah High Schools and the Alabama Regional Medical Services.

**Action Taken:**

**No Action – Information Only**

**IV. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS  
BIRMINGHAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Councilor O'Quinn informed the Committee of a survey by the Birmingham Coalition for Student Mental Health in Association with the Birmingham Education Foundation.

The survey can be found at: [www.bit.ly/StudentMentalHealthSurvey](http://www.bit.ly/StudentMentalHealthSurvey) or at [www.bhamstudentmentalhealth.com](http://www.bhamstudentmentalhealth.com)

**Action Taken:**

**No Action – Information Only**

**V. ADJOURN**

**Councilor Woods:** Moved to Adjourn.

**Councilor O'Quinn:** Seconded.